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We copy from the Montclair Times Dr. A. H. Bradford's views on the trolley extension question. It will be noticed that this eminent clergymen is committed to the municipal ownership idea, to which the people are waking up, and which they will put in practice as soon as partisan politics and the spoils system die, and make it possible for honesty in government to take control. Thinking citizens will do well to turn these words of Dr. Bradford over in their minds: "Now and then I hear people say that our taxes are high. They need not be. If we would make every company asking a franchise from the town pay for its value, our taxes would be immensely reduced."

## The Republican Primaries.

The Republican Primaries for the election of delegates to the State Convention at Trenton on the 19th will be held next Monday night. The polls will open from 7.30 to 9 o'clock. The First Ward meeting will be held in the Carl Building, to choose two delegates. The Second Ward meeting will be at the Central School house and will elect two delegates. The two districts of the Third Ward will meet at 1 odd's Hall, Glenwood Avenue, and each will elect one delegate. The Glen Ridge Borough Republicans will meet at Glen Ridge Hall and elect one delegate.

The Republican voters will make a serious mistake if they allow these primaries to be run in the interest of peanut politicians. Sectional feeling should have no consideration. Delegates should be chosen with the sole purpose of securing the nomination of a clean and strong candidate for Governor, one who can command not only the regular Republican support of New Jersey, but the independent vote that has made Republican success possible after long years. Without the independent vote success is impossible. With an unassailable candidate honest methods will not be needed to secure a victory.

The peanut political organ here says there is no choice between ex-Senator Griggs and ex-Congressman Kean—that either would make a good Governor, and that the six delegates sent from Bloomfield, who are "experienced politicians," non-committal in their preferences and "unhampered by any instructions," will be in a position by the bargain and delivery of their votes to cut a great deal of ice at the convention for the welfare of Bloomfield.

Send men "of influence in political circles," says the Peanut Oracle, "and there will not be much doubt but what the Republicans in this town will not again undergo the 'anti-Trenton' experience."

It will indeed be "humiliating" if such advice is taken and delegates sent with the anti-borough tag attached to them.

Bloomfield and Glen Ridge will probably send delegates to the convention with decided preferences for ex-Senator Griggs. Enough is known of the views of Republicans in this locality to say that Mr. Griggs is preferred and that Mr. Kean is not. A citizen is willing to go to Trenton and protest against the nomination of Mr. Kean as unfit to be made. Says this citizen, "He was openly charged with bribery in conducting the campaign in which he was elected to Congress in 1882. But for this he might have been elected Governor three years ago. Nobody who knows John Kean regards him as a fit candidate for office but politicians of the meanest sort."

In the campaign in which he was elected to Congress, John Kean was opposed by Miles Ross, Democrat, and Benjamin Urner, Independent. Urner polled more votes than Ross, but was beaten by Kean. After the election Urner secured positive evidence of bribery against both Kean and Ross, but was not able to secure an indictment by the grand jury in that year in either Monmouth or Union County, because of the political influence wielded by the candidates he accused of bribery. Both the evidence and the State law were then sufficient to convict for bribery, but the machinery of the law was not. In the next year at Trenton the bribery laws were "amended" so that it was made practically impossible to secure conviction for this crime.

About the only thing left for independent voters to do is to turn out at the primaries and insist that candidates shall be nominated who are irreproachable and in no need of corrupting the ballot to secure their election.

## Bloomfield Republican Leaders.

"It is not generally known by the Republicans of Bloomfield, and they probably will be surprised to learn that Bill Powers has been appointed the Republicans' leader in the Township by Carl Letz, the Republican county boss. It was only about three years ago that the county bosses made William Biggart the Republican leader in Bloomfield township, and a low hand and long went up from the big wigs of the G.O.P. in the township. They declared that they would not be dictated to by the county bosses in the matter of a leader; that they were of the opinion that the Republicans in the township were capable of choosing their own leader, and again the Bloomfield leader should be a representative man. The result of the row was that Mr. Biggart was deposed and George W. Cook was chosen by the local Republicans as the head of the party in the township.

But how does Bill Powers represent the local Republicans that deserted his party in 1894, when the Republicans were in need of every vote they could get, and an office on the Greenback ticket. It is the same Bill Powers who, a few evenings ago, sought political preferment at the hands of the Greenbackers and who, did all in his power to "throw down" the party whom the issues have now made him the leader of."

The above is from the Montclair Herald of last week. It is stated, Powers has been appointed Republican leader, he has not openly assumed leadership. He was absent from the meeting of the Bloomfield Executive Committee on Monday last, when the arrangements for the primaries were made. George W. Cook was present and acted as chairman as usual. Inquiry made of several members of the Committee do not substantiate the statement made in the Democratic paper that Powers has been "appointed Township boss by the County boss." If true, they are reluctant to admit or confirm it.

The record is in possession of facts which go far to show, however, that Powers has acquired the functions of subboss to a considerable extent, at the present time. He has been appointed chairman of a newly created "committee on printing" in the Township Committee, and the Township Collector, Clerk, Assessors and other officials have been instructed that no patronage must be given to The Record, because of its independence of party bosses.

Powers has become one of the powers behind the throne, if he does not actually sit upon the throne. Another fact in this connection may be stated. Two years ago the Republican party was very much in need of votes to overthrow the race-track Legislature at Trenton. Mr. George W. Ketcham of Roselle consented to be the candidate of the Republicans for State Senator, and proceeded, against the great odds of Democratic ascendancy and entrenched power, to make a vigorous campaign. He wrote a letter to George W. Cook, which he desired to have published to the people of Bloomfield, informing them of his record against race-track legislation as a minority member of the House. The letter of course was a campaign one, damaging to the Democratic side, but respectful, containing only facts that all independent voters should have placed before them. Mr. Cook was asked to have the letter published in The Citizen, but his request was refused. ("The Citizen" was then in the enjoyment of Democratic patronage.) But the letter was published in The Recruit, which also at that time said editorially that "Mr. Ketcham was in the Legislature of 1880."

It is the tendency of such actions? Tis to drive decent Republicans to either vote the opposite ticket or stay at home.

REPUBLICAN.

From the Newark Evening News.

A Critical Republican.

To the Editor of the News.

Sir—Allow me to say a few words of warning to the men in power in this City, died suddenly Wednesday morning from apoplexy at his home, No. 340 East Fifteenth Street, New York. His end was unexpected. He had not been well for several days, but his family did not believe he was critically ill until a few hours before he died when he lost consciousness and sank rapidly.

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